



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHELTER/RESCUE PARTICIPATION

I. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a partnership between the National Kitten College, a program operated by the Humane Rescue Alliance (HRA) in Washington, DC, and participating shelters and rescue organizations. The purpose of this collaboration is to enhance the care, treatment, and adoption of neonatal kittens by providing education, resources, and training. Through this partnership, participating organizations will contribute to the ongoing development of best practices in neonatal kitten care while upholding high standards in shelter medicine.

II. Roles and Responsibilities

National Kitten College Commitments:

- Provide participating shelters with access to training, educational resources, and best practice guidelines for neonatal kitten care.*
- Offer guidance in developing and improving kitten nurseries and foster programs.*
- Facilitate research efforts and data collection to assess trends and improve care practices.*
- Highlight participating shelters on the National Kitten College website and other promotional materials.*

Participating Shelter Commitments:

- Implement and uphold the best practices recommended by the National Kitten College and recognized shelter medicine standards.*
- Collaborate in research efforts by sharing relevant data and insights related to neonatal kitten care.*
- Maintain a high standard of care and support for neonatal kittens in alignment with High Quality/High Volume (HQHV) sheltering principles.*
- Designate an in-house veterinarian who will have the final authority on medical treatments provided to kittens.*

III. Medical Oversight

- All medical decisions and treatments offered to kittens within a participating shelter remain under the authority of the shelter's in-house veterinarian.
- National Kitten College will provide guidance based on shelter medicine standards but will defer to individual shelters on specific medical decisions.

IV. Data Sharing and Confidentiality

- Participating shelters agree to contribute relevant data to support research on neonatal kitten care trends.
- All shared data will be used solely for educational, research, and program improvement purposes.
- Any proprietary or sensitive information shared between parties will be kept confidential and used only as agreed upon.

V. Duration and Termination

- This MOU remains in effect until either party chooses to withdraw from the partnership.
- Either party may terminate participation at any time with written notice.
- Upon termination, participating shelters will no longer have access to exclusive National Kitten College resources.

VI. Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing this MOU, both parties acknowledge their commitment to improving neonatal kitten care and agree to the terms outlined above.

National Kitten College Representative

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature

Date

Participating Shelter Representative

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Signature

Date

